

5. God empowered us to get Wealth

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Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV) *And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

- God's covenant with His people is one of prosperity and multiplication
- God gives us power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to Abraham
- God's Covenant of Prosperity is not fully 'established' (or 'fulfilled' - NLT) until we demonstrate a reasonable level of prosperity in our lives

1. The main points of last Sunday's message (22.06.2025):

- a. God wants to set us high above the nations of the earth
- b. God's original intention was that none of His people would be poor
- c. As believers, we are a holy Nation unto God
- d. In Christ, we have a better covenant, established on better promises

2. God wants to teach us to profit

Isaiah 48:17 (NKJV) *Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go."*

- Teach you to profit – teach you to make gain, to succeed, to prosper
- God wants to teach His people to profit economically
- He wants to lead us by the way we should go, into greater levels of increase and prosperity

Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV) *A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but **the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.***

- God wants to transfer the wealth of wicked people into the hands of righteous people
- Money itself is neither good nor evil – it is simply a "means of exchange"
- However, money in the hands of wicked people is largely used to advance wickedness

- Conversely, money in the hands of righteous people is used to advance righteousness

3. Wealth is circulated in the “Market Place”

- The “market place” is a cover term for the economies of the world
- The market place is where people work, produce, buy, sell, exchange, etc.
- Wealth is circulating in the economies of communities, cities & nations
- Wealth is like a massive body of water behind a dam – we just need to learn how to access that large body of water
- God’s people have to learn how to engage in the market place above the level of “just earning a living”
- The early teachers of prosperity taught us the message of prosperity, but they focussed mainly on tithes, offerings, faith, (but left out crucial parts, such as business, creating passive income, investments, etc.)

4. Principles of Prosperity from Proverbs

- There are hundreds of Scriptures in the Bible about “Wisdom for Wealth”
- The Book of Proverbs communicates multiple “Principles of Prosperity”
- It also speaks about practical things that we can do to prosper

Proverbs 14:23 (NKJV) *In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.*

(NCV) *Those who work hard make a profit, but those who only talk will be poor.*

- Employers don’t pay their employees based on their intentions, but on their actions
- A business isn’t operated on words alone, but on actions (hard work)

Proverbs 13:23 (NKJV) *Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor, and for lack of justice there is waste.*

- Fallow ground – uncultivated ground
Farmers typically plough the ground to prepare the soil for increased yield
- There is a great potential of production in most soils, but the full potential is only achieved if the ground is cultivated

Proverbs 13:23 (KJV 1900) *Much food is in the tillage of the poor: But there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.*

Dake's Commentary:

- **[Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment]**
- The poor may sow enough to have plenty of food, but lack of management often keeps them in poverty. They have very little foresight
- When they get something they quickly spend it or have a big feast and then go without for a long time

- There is “**Unrealised wealth**” in most people's lives
- (fallow ground, not cultivated yet. Untapped gifts, under-developed skills)
- It has the potential to bring forth, but that potential has not been realised

Proverbs 12:11 (NASB95) *He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.*

- Tills - works, cultivates
- Worthless things – NKJ. Frivolity, vain and unproductive things

Proverbs 24:30–34 (NKJV) *I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; 31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. 32 When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: 33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest; 34 So shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.*

- Solomon, one of the wealthiest man in the Bible, received instruction by observing the field & vineyard of a lazy man, devoid of understanding
- Lesson:
 - Don't let your job or your business be overgrown with weeds
 - Don't slacked your pace or be lazy
 - Don't let your stone wall be broken down
- Too much sleep, too much folding of the hands will bring poverty into our lives

Proverbs 24:27 (AMP) *[Put first things first.] Prepare your work outside and get it ready for yourself in the field; and afterward build your house and establish a home.*

- Do your work outside first (field) – that’s your income
- Afterwards build your home – that’s where you live
- The Principle: Don’t overfocus on your home (comfort), and under-focus on your work (income, business)
- Your field is your income
- First, till your land & get seed in the ground
- Then, build your house and prepare your comfort

Proverbs 27:23–27 (NKJV) *Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; 24 For riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations. 25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, 26 The lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field; 27 You shall have enough goats’ milk for your food, for the food of your household, and the nourishment of your maidservants.*

- Be diligent!
- Attend to your herds (education, career, job, business, investments, etc.)
- Riches are not forever - wealth can be diminished through slackness
- Lambs will provide your clothing – day to day needs
- (selling) goats will provide the price to purchase a field – an investment, another stream of income

Proverbs 12:24 (NKJV) *The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.*

- Be diligent & be promoted to leadership in the market place
- Become an extra-miler
- Develop a generous spirit